

REMARKS

The Examiner acknowledges Applicant's election without traverse of Group 1, claims 13-16 and the addition of claims 26-31, as filed by Applicants on October 28, 2005. Furthermore, the Examiner notes that claim 13 is generic and that claims 14-16 and 26-31 are subject to species election. Specifically, the Examiner requires election of one of the following species:

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| a. dermatitis herpetiformis | b. morbus Duhring |
| c. AI haemolytic anaemia | d. AI thrombocytopenic purpura |
| e. AI thyroid diseases | f. atrophic gastritis-pernicious anaemia |
| g. infertility | h. increased risk of abortions |
| i. reduced fetal growth | j. Crohn's disease |
| k. colitis ulcerosa | l. Goodpasture syndrome |
| m. IgA nephropathy | n. IgA glomerulonephritis |
| o. myasthenia gravis | p. partial lipodystrophy |
| q. polymyositis | r. primary biliary cirrhosis |
| s. primary sclerosing cholangitis | t. progressive systemic sclerosis |
| u. recurrent pericarditis | v. relapsing polychondritis |
| w. rheumatoid arthritis | x. rheumatism |
| y. sarcoidosis | z. Sjogren's syndrome |
| aa. SLE | bb. Splenic atrophy |
| cc. Type I(insulin-dependent)
diabetes | dd. Diabetes mellitus |
| ee. Wegener granulomatosis | ff. ulcerative colitis |
| gg. Vasculitis | hh. vitiligo |

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect the species of dermatitis herpetiformis for continued examination. However, Applicants respectfully point out to the Examiner that "dermatitis herpetiformis" and "morbus Duhring" are two different names for the same disease. Claims 13 and 14 read on the elected species.


As acknowledged by the Examiner, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141. It is further Applicants' understanding that the election is for search purposes only and that the search will be extended to additional species upon a finding of allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would help expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

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